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Elderberry Times

119 South Main Street, Old Town, Maine 04468

August 3, 1974

Dear Charlotte,

Your letter of July 28 delights me. I'm most happy to be "stuck" with you. Hooray for fillers in addition to a weekly column. Go right ahead.

EXCEPT: Barbara McKernan, publisher, thinks we better not do anything such as you suggest on James B. Longley. Barbara knows more about the jungle call politicks than I. Her son is Bangor Representative in the Legislature and she's been a Republican loyalist for ages. So much for what was a good idea.

I've sent you blueberry column to the firm that packaged them. Wonder what will happen?

Now the enclosures may puzzle you. They come from Fifi Dawson, the not-so-retired show "girl" now in her 80's. Some days I have 2 TWO communications from her. Recent packages have included a smallfur ~~wrap~~ wrap and a pink evening gown. Her daughter and son-on-law own and operate the PINK pussycat in Miami. She's delightful and irrepressible.

As to the enclosures. Can't explainat all about the handwriting booklet. She sent one to me, too, but note your name is inside this one. The letter is a different matter. Weeks ago we ran a story from the University of Maine archives asking for old love letters. I've known right along something of Fifi's old romances, including Otis with the wooden leg who has been after her for 40-50 years. He subsided while her husband was alive but re-activated, I believe, fairly recently. The enclosed letter doesn't appear to have been written to Fifi. Somewhere she's told me that she's never read it and doesn't know whether or not it's "naughty." If it has any interest would you like to translate it and write something about it? I'll get it to the UM archive eventually so do return it. But if it isn't intere ting we'll not bother to do a column. Fifi send me more stuff than I can cope with so there's no hurry. Do it as the spirit moves.

Loved your milkboy anecdote. Wonder, also, if it won't prompt some letters on horse drawn milk wagons. Nice nostalgic touch.

Fondly,